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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.			
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). x attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 40,592 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34			
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
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